

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first full para. of p.2 as follows:

Recombinant Dicer proteins have been used to make siRNA; see, Myers et al., 2003, Nature Biotechnol 21, 324-8; Beach et al., 2003, US Pat Appl Publ US2003/0084471; Zhang et al., 2002, EMBO J 21, 5875-85; Dicer siRNA generation kit (Gene Therapy Systems, Inc., San Diego, CA, Catalog No.T51001). Much of the sequence of the *Drosophila melanogaster* genome has been reported by Adams et al. 2000, Science 287, 2185-95, and an ORF with sequence identity to R2D2 is reported as NCBI locus CG7138 (Accession NM_135308). Aspects of this disclosure will be published by Liu et al., Sept 26, 2003, Science vol.301, p. ~~m-n~~ 1921-1925.